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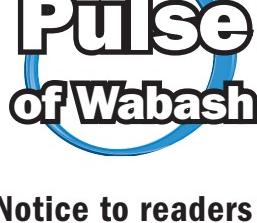


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Cunningham, Ganger to perform at Manchester University

Nationally recognized pianist Dion Cunningham will perform in a recital at Manchester University at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 in Cordier Auditorium at Manchester University's North Manchester campus.

It is free and open to the public. He will be joined by Joshua Ganger on the trumpet. Cunningham will also present a piano master class at 11 a.m. in Cordier.

Founders Day planned for Saturday

The Founders Day Festival, which begins with the parade through downtown Wabash, kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. This year's event includes the Farmers Market moving onto Miami Street, between Canal and Market streets, a concert featuring Goshen's Abby Thomas at Paradise Spring Historical Park, a wreath-decorating contest, a Little Mister and Miss contest, reenactors at Paradise Spring and children's games, food trucks and vendors at the park until 4 p.m. For more information, call 260-563-4171. Anyone wishing to take part in the activities at the Pioneer Village may contact Paradise Spring board of directors president Deanna Unger by calling 260-571-2879. Wabash County YMCA vice president of operations Patty Godfroy is looking for volunteers. For more information, call her at 260-563-9622.

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BOW begins city's quest for \$13.185M in sewage bonds

Financing needed for the fourth and final phase of the project

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Thursday's Board of Works meeting, the city officially began the process of undertaking a \$13.185 million bond issuance to finance the final phase of the combined sewage overflow separation project.

The city is operating un-

der an agreed order from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The order requires the city to separate its sanitary sewer system and its stormwater sewer system to reduce combined sewage overflows in heavy rain events to a level acceptable to IDEM.

The city has divided the anticipated work into four phases and has completed three of those. The fourth is "a major phase" which must be completed by the terms of the agreed order by 2026.

"We have been ahead of schedule throughout. I think originally it was 2029. We've been ahead of schedule. We've also been under budget for a lot of it," said city attorney Douglas Lehman.

Lehman said the current funds available in the city's sewage operating fund is insufficient to complete the fourth phase "in a timely fashion."

According to the resolution, the board recommends that the City Council approve undertaking a bond

issuance to finance the final phase, using Baker Tilly as financial consultants and the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg as bond counsel.

Lehman said the question would then go before the City Council at their Monday, Sept. 27 meeting for the first reading of the bond financing.

"I believe there's also going to be some rate increases to help pay for the bond financing. And Baker Tiller and Barnes & Thornburg

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City enters into design agreement for downtown streetscape project

The location will be Miami Street, between Market and Canal streets

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The city of Wabash has agreed with Lochmueller Group to design a streetscape project after a unanimous vote at Thursday's Board of Works meeting.

The location of the project will be Miami Street, between Market and Canal streets.

According to the resolution, the city plans to enhance the one-block area as a site "that has often been used for festivals, special events and other activities."

The city has had preliminary discussions with Lochmueller Group, which has submitted a contract for their engineering services which contract has been reviewed by city attorney Douglas Lehman.

"Part of the purpose of this streetscape is we do a lot of activities between Market and Canal and I think there

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Crazy 8's Math Club



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

NMPL children's department head Sarah Morbitzer would be back after the first of the year.

Special NMPL program gives children access to hands-on activities

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On a Monday afternoon last month, a group of children was stationed around long, rectangular tables on the lawn of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL).

The children were working toward building a flying four-point origami star.

One of the children confirmed that they were also known as shuriken.

"They fly really well. In fact, that might fly even better than paper airplanes," said NMPL children's department head Sarah Morbitzer.

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Before crafting flying four-point origami stars, they first made paper airplanes.

Manchester ties for top undergraduate teaching school in Indiana

Princeton Review also lists MU among nation's best colleges in its 2022 edition

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University is among the top 10 schools in the Midwest for undergraduate teaching, and it is tied for No. 1 in Indiana, according to U.S. News & World Report rankings released Monday.

A perennial each year on U.S. News & World Report top colleges rankings, Manchester tied with Goshen College for the top spot in Indiana. This ranking highlights schools that emphasize providing high-quality instruction to undergraduates.

This year, Manchester once again earned distinction in the U.S. News & World Report rankings as one of the Midwest's best schools for advancing social mobility for students from families with lower

incomes.

Washington Monthly's college rankings released this month list Manchester as one of the top three in Indiana for liberal arts colleges. This ranking is based on the schools' contribution to the public good in three broad categories: aiding social mobility for students, promoting public service and doing research.

Manchester is also listed among Washington Monthly America's Best Bang for the Buck Colleges - a

list of schools ranked according to how well they help non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices. MU is among the top 15 colleges in Indiana to be listed as a "Best Bang" school.

The Princeton Review also lists Manchester among the nation's best colleges in its 2022 edition. It does not rank schools in any order.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

Save America Freedom Rally' set for Tuesday

County Councilman Matt Dillon, Sen. Andy Zay among confirmed speakers

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A "Save America Freedom Rally" has been scheduled for next week.

Confirmed speakers include Matt Dillon and Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington. Dillon is the chair of the Wabash County Republican Party, but will be appearing "in his role as" Wabash County Councilmember, said Victory Christian Church Pastor Timothy Morbitzer.

The event has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the Wabash County Courthouse.

"All who love America and freedom are encouraged to attend," said Morbitzer.

Morbitzer said former Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill and Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, were also possible speakers.

However, on Thursday, Indiana House Republican Party digital media specialist and press secretary Allison Vanatsky said Snow would not be attending this event.

"As a member of the Elections Committee, Rep. Snow already had plans to be in Indianapolis all next week, so he doesn't know anything about the event," said Vanatsky.

In July 2020, Laura Cole, along with then-Wabash County Republican Party chair and current Wabash County Councilmember Barbara Pearson, organized a "Blue Rally" in support of law enforcement officers, also on the Wabash County Courthouse steps. Speakers during that event also included Morbitzer; Emery

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Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR holds their monthly meeting

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 12

STAFF REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) took place on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, according to regent Barbara Amiss.

Eight members were present to welcome new member Jewel Wise.

The meeting opened with the DAR ritual, followed by devotions by Peggy Bostic, the state chaplain.

The September President General's message from Denise Doring VanBuren was shared by Joyce Joy-Baker.

"Reflecting on the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America on Sept. 11, 2001, we thank loved ones who have so valiantly worn the uniform of our nation during the last two decades. As the first Blue Star Mother to also serve as DAR President General, I share a special bond with our nation's military families. I thank you for all that you do to support them through both your work on behalf of our DAR Project Patriot Committee and your prayers," stated Doring VanBuren.

The National Defender report was on National Preparedness Month. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."



Provided photo

"The Constitution Rules" was the informative program presented by Daniel Johns, executive director of The Quayle Vice Presidential Learning Center in Huntington.

"We want to raise awareness about the importance of being prepared for disasters and emergencies natural or man-made, that could happen at any time," said Amiss.

Committee Minutes were on American Indian, the Constitution, conservation, the American flag, women's issues and the American 250 Project.

Amiss reported on the virtual 130th National DAR Continental Congress and awards the chapter received.

"The Constitution Rules" was the informative program presented by Daniel Johns, executive director of The Quayle Vice Presidential Learning Center in Huntington.

"As Americans, everyone needs to learn more about the Constitution and its immense impact on our nation," said Amiss.

The next meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave.

Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly Cloudy 86 / 63	Partly Cloudy 85 / 67	Few Showers 80 / 68	Few Showers 79 / 58	Few Showers 70 / 48
Sun and Moon	Detailed Local Outlook			
Today's sunset 7:46 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise 7:28 a.m.				
Full 9/20	Last 9/28	New 10/6	First 10/12	

Jim Smith to emcee Grow Wabash County Annual Dinner

Event set for Oct. 14 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County has announced that Jim Smith will be the master of ceremonies for Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 14 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

Remarks will also be delivered by Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater and Grow Wabash County Board chair Marilyn Custer-Mitchell.

"Smith is an incredible partner to Grow Wabash County, having retired in 2020 as the head facilitator of the Leadership Development Wabash County program and remained involved with many of Grow Wabash County's projects and initiatives," said Boulrisse.

Smith currently serves as a town councilman for the Town of North Manchester. Smith was also named the Volunteer of the Year during

Grow Wabash County's 2020 Annual Dinner.

Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and awards starting at 6:30 p.m.

The awards that will be presented that evening include the 2021 Business of the Year, which will be presented to MPS Egg Farms, the 2021 Volunteer of the Year and the 2021 Distinguished Citizen.

Remarks will also be delivered by Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater and Grow Wabash County Board chair Marilyn Custer-Mitchell.

"Great care will be taken by Grow Wabash County and the Honeywell Center team to ensure the health and safety of our guests and staff. Masks and individual hand sanitizers will be encouraged for guests and extra masks will be available for those requesting them.

Leading up to the event, Grow Wabash County and the Honeywell Center will monitor COVID-19 numbers and resulting guidelines to

ensure that this event aligns with all health and safety expectations," said Boulrisse.

Grow Wabash County would like to thank the generous sponsors that have already registered to support this event, including:

■ Platinum Sponsors: Carroll/Provimi North America; OJI Intertech, Inc.

■ Gold Sponsors: Troy Eads Excavating, LLC; Wabash Castings, LLC; White's Residential & Family Services, Inc.

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■ Silver Sponsors: Community Foundation of Wabash County.

■ Bronze Sponsors: Benson & Son, LLC; Hoosier Jiffy Print; Hy-Line North America; Indiana University Kokomo; Kirtlan Automotive Machine & Repair, Inc.

Registration for tickets and sponsorships is still open and may be completed by visiting www.growwabashcounty.com/2021annualdinner, emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

STREETSCAPE

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are a number of things that could be done to enhance those various activities," said Lehman.

Lehman said there were "two or three things" which he had requested be changed in the agreement.

Lehman said engineering firms often will have in their agreement that the drawings that they produce remain their property.

"I always take the position that if we're paying you the money that we pay you, those drawings should belong to the city," said Lehman.

"And that particular agreement in one place said they remain the property of the engineering firm and another place that if the contract got terminated earlier

and we paid them, then we could own the documents. Well, it seems to me that if things didn't go right and we terminated it early and we get them, why wouldn't we get them if we actually carried through with the entire program and paid them?"

Lehman said the firm also indicated their rate was at an hourly rate based on the degree of expertise a particular person had, but at another point had flat numbers.

Lehman said he understood from Mayor Scott Long that the contract was for pay not to exceed a certain amount.

"I wanted them to indicate that, 'Yeah this is the hourly rate but it will not exceed these totals.' They had the totals there, but they didn't explain that that was the maximum it could be. And I wanted that spelled out in actual words," said Lehman.

Lehman said the final change which he requested was that the city would have to pay for the project within 30 days.

"Whenever I have a contract with the city, I like to have 60 days to pay because depending on when they submit their invoice and when the next board of works is and all of that, it might actually end up being more than 30 days before the payment would actually get signed and sent out. And so I asked them to change to it 60 days and they did," said Lehman.

The board then voted in favor of the agreement, with acting presiding officer John Burnsworth filling in for Long.

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SEWAGE

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will be presenting that stuff as we go along," said Lehman.

Lehman said the \$13.185 million figure was an estimate that they were "hoping that might be a little on the high side, we think."

The board then voted in favor of the agreement,

with acting presiding officer John Burnsworth filling in for Mayor Scott Long.

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RALLY

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McClendon, a tea party organizer from Fort Wayne; Zay; Wabash City Council member Terry Brewer; former Rep. Dave Wolkins,

R-Warsaw; Nate Gephart; Pearson; and Hill.

In November 2020, a "#stopsthesteal/counteverylegalvote" rally had been planned for the Wabash County Courthouse but was later canceled by Cole "due to circumstances beyond

(their) control."

For more information, call Cole at 765-623-1392, Pearson at 260-571-8688, or Morbitzer at 260-249-9149.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Sept. 19 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The Morning Message will be, "Focus on the Future," by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Sept. 19 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be John 1:15-18 with a sermon reflection titled "The Unique Christ." Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCwabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

On Sunday, Sept. 19 at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. It will be our 150th Homecoming. We will have special music provided by "The Kings Four" and well as others in the afternoon. There will only be one service beginning at 10:30 a.m. A carry-in lunch will follow Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon "Have I Got a Story for You." We would like to invite all who have ever visited or been a part of this

church to come to join us for the day. The Communion Table will be served by Scott Hendry and John Troyer. There will be no Children's Church provided as we want all the family of God to participate in the day. The recorded sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group the morning of Sunday, Sept. 19.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastor john1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the

circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children's church or Sunday school at this time. Masks are recommended. On Sunday, Sept. 19, the sermon will be, "Anointing" based on James 5:13-20. On Sunday, Sept. 26, Pastor Doug Beal will be off, with plans to be determined. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "The Call for Making Disciples – From Inside." The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday Servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Sue White, worship; Pick a Song, special music; Nancy Kolb, organ; and Rose Sands, piano.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. "All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us," said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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Kay Rose Koch

Jan. 12, 1955 - Sept. 15, 2021



Kay Rose Koch, 66, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:55 pm, Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, at her home. She was born on Jan. 12, 1955, in Huntington, Indiana, to Wilbert John Snyder and Mary Dell (Emley) Fisher.

Kay married Eddie B. Koch in Wabash on Dec. 28, 2019. She worked at Par-Kan in Silver Lake, Indiana, retiring after 22 years, and also worked 14 years at Union Tool in Warsaw, Indiana. Kay lived several years in Warsaw before moving to Wabash. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary, both of Wabash. Kay enjoyed being with her family, fishing, and riding her Harley.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie B. Koch of Wabash, three children, Jennifer (Jason) McKinney of Muncie, Indiana, Steven (Rachel) Birkemeier of West Plains, Missouri, and Douglas (Gina) Koch of Jackson, Missouri, six grandchildren, Cory (Nicole Green) Conley and Amy (Bill) Music, both of Warsaw, Mariah (Jamie) Howgill of England, Andrew Birkemeier and Macy Birkemeier, both of West Plains, and Ben (Katie)

Koch of Roeland Park, Kansas, three great grandchildren, two sisters, Helen Buuck of Convoy, Ohio, and Betty (Bill) Mallory of North Manchester, Indiana, and her brother, Bob (Lee Ann) Snyder of Tunker, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents and her step son Jeff Koch.

Friends may call 5-7 pm Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

The memorial guest book for Kay may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Sandra 'Jill' Dyson

Dec. 5, 1951 - Sept. 14, 2021



Sandra "Jill" Dyson, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 4:00 am, Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. She was born on Dec. 5, 1951, in Wabash, Indiana, to Walter and Alice T. (Thompson) Younce.

Jill was a 1970 graduate of Wabash High School and received her Associate's Degree from ITT Tech in Fort Wayne. She married Eugene "Gene" Dyson in Roann, Indiana on December 13, 1969; he died May 16, 2021. Jill worked at Wabash Electric, MSD of Wabash County, and Wabash City Court. She was a former member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ where she sang on the worship team and also taught Sunday school. She currently attends College Corner Brethren Church. Jill enjoyed reading, cooking, quilting, sewing, spending time at the lake, her Great Danes, and especially loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by five children, Jennifer (John) Rumple and Tracey (Jeff) Snyder, both of Wabash, Rachel (Paul) McKnight of Greentown, Indiana, Sarah (Aaron) McClary of New Albany, Indiana, and Tyler (Casey) Dyson of Wabash, 21 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and sister, Lavonne (Dick) Smith of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and son-in-law, Mark Rickner.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Aaron McClary and Solomon David officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call 2-6 pm, Monday, at the funeral home.

Preferred Memorial is to Animal Shelter of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Jill may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Terrence Randall Cusack

Terrence Randall Cusack, 70, of Wabash and of Peabody Retirement Community Healthcare in North Manchester, died Sept. 15, 2021, at Wabash Parkview Hospital.

Terry is survived by his wife, Debbie Cusack, of Wabash; two children, Alisha (Stephen) Fritz, of Richmond, Virginia, and Stephanie (Kris) Willmert, of Wabash; and three grandchildren.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Joshua Robert Coon

Jan. 19, 1981 - Sept. 16, 2021

Joshua Robert Coon, 40, a lifetime resident of Wabash, passed away at 3:30 a.m. on Sept. 16, 2021. He was born on Jan. 19, 1981, in Wabash, to Kevin and Monica (Schipper) Coon.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Nakeia Kiann Hartley

Nov. 20, 1975 - Sept. 13, 2021

Nakeia Kiann Hartley, 45, of Wabash, passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021. She was born on Nov. 20, 1975, in Wabash, to the late Sierra (Warren) Curtis.

McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana, 46992, has been trusted with Nakeia Hartley's final arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Tommy Wilson Honeycutt

Funeral services for Tommy Wilson Honeycutt were 2:00 pm, Friday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial is in Center Grove Cemetery, Lincolnville. Visitation 1-2pm at the funeral home.

Final date of the season will be Saturday, Sept. 25

STAFF REPORT

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will close "another successful season" with one last market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 25 at 275 W. Market St. "featuring handmade, homemade and homegrown products," according to Wabash Marketplace public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

"A variety of local vendors will attend the final market ... with products including sweet corn, local honey, textiles and artisan wares, organic sweets, baked goods and more," said Ellis.

Ellis said the Downtown Wabash Farmers Market welcomed more than 35 different vendors throughout the 2021 season.

The 2022 Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will return on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

For more information, visit WabashMarketplace.org.

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Opinion

Why men skipping college may have devastating consequences

This fall, women outnumber men on two-year and four-year college campuses by millions. Nearly 60 percent of students are women while only about 40 percent are men, an education gap that has been widening for decades.

The problem has become even more acute as total enrollment has fallen by more than a million students over the past five years. The Wall Street Journal reports that "men accounted for 71 percent of the decline."

A half-century ago, the numbers were almost exactly the opposite, with men making up 60 percent

of incoming freshmen. Back then, America knew why women were outnumbered: Sexist policies and social mores kept women on the sidelines.

Now, there's little research to explain why fewer men are enrolling in higher education. A spokesman for the Department of Education said the agency doesn't have an effort underway to explain what is going on.

Theories abound. One is that the problem starts in K-12, where boys are more likely to be held back, drop out and have trouble learning to read.

Another is that things like addictive video games and the lure of the im-

mediate payoff of a job keep young men focused elsewhere.

Higher rates of incarceration could explain why poor Black men don't go to college but don't explain why poor white men are even less likely to go.

Still another theory is that the problem doesn't have to do with men at all. Instead, it's attributed to the fact that women have no choice but to go to college to access opportunities men already have.

What is clear is that there will be consequences for millions of men opting out of college and for their families:

College graduates earn on average 56 percent more than high school grads, a difference that amounts to more than a million dollars over a working lifetime.

College grads on average are healthier, happier, have better marriages and live longer, too.

Economic downturns are less likely to turn into job loss. Figuring out why men aren't enrolling in college should be a national priority, as should taking steps to achieve a healthier balance between men and women in higher education.

The Department of Education, un-

der the Biden administration, needs to launch the search for answers, and Congress should ensure potential remedies that emerge are put into practice.

Women, of course, still need help in reaching equal opportunity in male-dominated fields such as science, technology, engineering and math, but equal opportunity is not a one-way street.

America as a whole will be better off when each generation includes similar numbers of men and women who have graduated from college.

A version of this editorial was first published in USA Today.



Local students remember 9/11 through acrostic poems

(Editor's note: A story published on the front of the Saturday, Sept. 11 paper profiled Sharp Creek Elementary School teacher Amber Bretzman's lessons to her fifth-graders about 9/11. She had her students write acrostic poems, which use the first letters of each line to spell out a word. These are some of the poems they wrote.)

Together we stand
We remember
If we learn nothing else from this tragedy we learn that life is short.

Never again I hope this will happen

They saw liberty and thought they saw weakness

Of those who gave their life's

We all have a duty to devote at least a small portion of our daily lives to ensuring that neither America nor the world ever forgets September 11th

Even the smallest act of kindness is a way to honor the ones we lost.

Remember Your loved ones.

Something is wrong

- Cassidy Cartwright

Help people in need

Everyone is sad

Anyone can tell you

Reuniting is hard

The Twin Towers fell

But, most of us are on our feet

Rebuilding is not going well

Everybody is scared

Anyone can help

Kindness is helping

Interfering won't help

Nothing could stop it

Go spread the news

- Brileigh Cook

Destruction and rubble everywhere

Everyone is scared and,

Asking for help and the,

Twin towers were hit but,

people are

Helping each other

- Cole Hemmingway

Smoke was everywhere

Everyone was scared

People are calling loved ones

Terrorists did it, why?

Everyone was sad

Memorials of a lot of people

Being injured

Everyone remembers

Remember the heroes

- Tenley Kuhn

The planes crashed

With many people inside.

Inside the planes, the people died.

Nobody Survived the crash inside the planes.

The towers lit on fire.

One tower fell,

Well, both towers fell,

Even people in the towers died.

Risking their lives people went in to save others.

Smoke filled the city and boats saved people.

- Alexis Laferney

Destruction of the twin towers

Effected all of the Americans

After the destruction people left the island

The twin towers were gone

Helping the people
- Corban Leffert

Fighting for their lives

Ignoring the consequences

Ready to fight for lives

Every minute counts

Many of them died

And we are so grateful

No one will ever be forgotten

- Bode Sorg

Using boats and all we can.

Never giving up until we're done.

Insuring every one was found.

Turning around for nothing.

Exiting in every direction.

Daring people and firefighters losing their lives to save others.

Wishing they could've stopped the plane.

Everyone working as hard as they can.

Soot and ashes are everywhere

Together we're united.

Always and forever

Never giving up

Deeds that are good are never done.

- Addison Bretzman

Heartbreaking moment

Everyone is sad

Really sad people lost their lives

Over everything that happened

- Avery Custer

A sad moment for people losing their loved ones

Many people died that day

Every fireman risk their lives for the people in the towers

Remember the firemen that save other peoples life

I know that there was a lot of boats that help people get off the island

Cars were smashed

A lot of people cried because they lost loved ones.

- Asa Dawes

All the people that lost their lives

Many boats on the towers

Real heroes, they risk their lives

It was a bad day

Cars are everywhere

All the smoke in the air

- Easton McKillip

Survivors are the lucky ones.

America was destroyed.

Danger was ahead.

- Silas Phillips

Lost families

Our lives change

Saved lives

The worst day of our lives

- Bryson Platter

People being heroes

Loved ones dying

America getting hurt

North America under attack

Explosion all around in New York

- Brody Schnurpel

Heroes who died doing what they do

Open arms to help other people

Planes crashed and killed thousands of people

Everyone who died is loved

- Jaylynn Turner

Did everyone die in the twin towers

Crashing cars.

towers
Everyone was crying everywhere

A twin tower fell first

The Pentagon fell last

Happy people at the end

- Brielle Wells

Some people help the people evacuate

Most people were heroes and help the people

- Zoey Richardson

Planes crashing

All over the U.S.

Invasion on the planes

No one could have guessed

Rushing people out of the building.

Ashes everywhere.

Shouting sirens everywhere.

Helping people

- Chase Ross

Planes crashing

In danger

Nothing

Towers crash

Office

Why the twin towers crash

Eleventh

Respect memories

September 11

- Shelia Smith

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September

America's tragedy

Deaths never forgotten

Never lost in hearts

Every soul lost

Sadness spreading

Subways destroyed

- Brennan Swan

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Lifestyles

A good-for-your-health snack



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Heatly, high-energy snack food is the perfect pick-me-up during the work or school day and provides a nutritional boost of energy, which improves concentration and stamina. While

nailing the nutrition may be easier to accomplish when preparing a sit-down meal, it's often difficult to achieve in a snack when you are grabbing food on the go. What can you eat that's portable, delicious and healthy? Look no further than these homemade granola bars. Snacking never felt, or tasted, so good.

The beauty of homemade granola bars is that you can pick and choose your ingredients, omitting excess sugars, fat and additives without sacrificing flavor. While these bars are not entirely sin-free, they are packed with nutrient-rich oats, almonds and dried fruit. Each bar provides a welcome dose of protein, fiber, vitamins and minerals, which should justify making a batch for munching.

This recipe is inspired by a tried-and-true granola bar recipe from Ina Garten. I've kept her ratios of dried to wet ingredients nearly the same to ensure the bars will stick together, which can be a challenge with granola bars.

This recipe leans into maple and cinnamon, which I love in granola. For a gluten-free version, use gluten-free oats.

Homemade Granola Bars

Active time: 15 minutes

Total time: 45 minutes, plus cooling time

Yield: Makes approximately 18 to 24 small bars

**2 1/4 cups old-fashioned oats
3/4 cup chopped raw almonds
3/4 cup unsweetened grated coconut**

**1/4 cup almond meal
1/4 cup unsalted butter
1/2 cup (packed) light brown sugar**

**1/3 cup maple syrup
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract**

**1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt**

1 1/2 cups mixed dried fruit, such as chopped apricots, cranberries and cherries

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter an 8-by-11-inch baking pan and line with parchment.

Combine the oats, almonds and coconut in a bowl.

Spread on a rimmed baking sheet and bake until fragrant and lightly toasted, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and transfer to a large bowl. Stir in the almond meal.

Reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees.

Melt the butter in a small saucier over medium heat. Whisk in the sugar and syrup, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla, cinnamon and salt. Pour over the oats, stirring to thoroughly combine. Stir in the dried fruit.

Dump the batter in the prepared pan and spread to evenly distribute, gently pressing down.

Transfer to the oven and bake until golden brown, 30 to 35 minutes. Remove and cool completely in the pan until firm, at least 2 hours.

Cut into squares or rectangles. Store at room temperature in an airtight container.

If you're not super-rich, tax hike proposals likely won't impact your retirement investing

Any mention of a tax hike and people's blood pressure rises.

Tax revenue runs the government, and as a new budget cycle approaches there's a lot of discussion about who's not paying their fair share.

Competing tax proposals from the White House and Congress include increases in individual and capital-gains tax rates – but just for the

super-wealthy.

It was 2017 when Congress enacted major tax legislation that gave a huge tax break to corporations but also expanded the standard deduction. Still, many felt the uber-rich weren't taxed enough.

"Much of the income of wealthy households doesn't appear on their annual tax returns, and much of what does appear enjoys special tax breaks or discounted rates," a report this week by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities points out.

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These changes would make the tax code more equitable by taxing income from wealth more like income from work."

For most people, these changes shouldn't affect their retirement accounts, said Mark Hamrick, senior economic analyst at Bankrate.

"The average American, meaning someone who is middle-income, probably doesn't have that much to be concerned about here," he said. "But what I would say is just continue to watch this space in the coming years."

The need to raise tax revenue to address the federal deficit might change things, Hamrick said. "The math has not been adding up for quite some time."

A Roth account is funded with after-tax dollars. Future withdrawals remain tax-free as long as you meet certain holding requirements. The current annual limit for a Roth is \$6,000.

If you're 50 or older, you can contribute an extra \$1,000.

The Roth 401(k) is increasingly being made available in employer

workplace retirement plans.

You still fund the Roth with after-tax dollars, but the annual contribution limit for a Roth 401(k) is the same as for a 401(k), which in 2021 is \$19,500. People 50 and over can contribute an extra \$6,500.

There are income limits to contributing to a Roth. Your modified adjusted gross income must be under \$140,000 for the tax year 2021 if you file as an individual. If you're married and file jointly, your MAGI must be under \$208,000.

But a backdoor loophole allows higher earners to convert their traditional IRAs or 401(k)s into a Roth. A ProPublica investigation found that Peter Thiel, one of PayPal's founders, had accumulated \$5 billion in a Roth IRA.

This revelation has led to a lot of discussion about limiting what rich folks can stash in a Roth.

The House legislation would create new rules for taxpayers with very large IRAs and workplace retirement accounts. Contributions would be prohibited if the total value of an individual's IRA and workplace retirement account exceeded \$10 million as of the end of the tax year.

The limit on contributions would apply only to single taxpayers (or taxpayers married filing separately)

with taxable income over \$400,000, heads of households with taxable income over \$425,000 and married taxpayers filing jointly with taxable income over \$450,000.

Additionally, if an individual's combined traditional IRA, Roth IRA and workplace account balances exceed \$10 million at the end of a taxable year, a required minimum distribution, or RMD, would be required for the following year.

"They're looking at putting gates around retirement accounts to prevent them

from being supersized," said Eric Bronnenkant, head of tax for the online financial adviser Betterment.

"For the average person, I'm not too worried that they are going to bump up on these limits."

It's possible that there will be a huge influx of money going into Roth IRAs because of fear of the possibility that tax rates will be higher in the future.

For younger investors or folks with lower incomes, a Roth account makes sense because they're likely to be in a relatively lower tax bracket and the tax-free growth with years of compounding can outweigh the benefit of current-year tax deductions for contributions to a traditional 401(k).

If you're in a high tax bracket at present but expect to be in a lower one when you retire, it might make more sense to get an upfront tax break now by contributing to a regular IRA or 401(k) rather than a Roth account.

Whatever you decide, the important thing is to save as much as you can for retirement, urged Hamrick.

"People would be wise to try to optimize their tax savings," he said. "I hope that people would look at the options that include Roth and all the other good savings vehicles that are out there."

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Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

PETS Q&A

Rescue puppy is having trouble sleeping alone

By JOAN MORRIS

The Mercury News (TNS)

DEAR JOAN: My adult daughter is struggling with sleep deprivation because her new 4-month-old puppy won't let her sleep through the night. Any tips?

She and her husband got a puppy Monday from a rescue group where the pup was used to sleeping in crate with rest of the litter. The pup wouldn't sleep in its crate at its new home and barked and whined at night. So my daughter brought the puppy to her bed where he snuggled and bumped against her head all night.

It's her first puppy. Denis, Danville, California

DEAR DENIS: Ah, the new puppy snoozing blues. It afflicts almost every dog parent, whether the dog is a puppy or an adult. The good news is, all dogs learn to sleep by themselves or to share the bed with their humans.

I'm, of course, joking about that last part. For the past 10 years that I've had my Chihuahua, I've been relegated to sleeping on the edge of the mattress because he sprawls in the middle, but that's my bad.

There is debate on whether you should allow your pet to sleep with you. Despite his bed-hogging, I like having my dog beside me. Many people don't, and that's fine, too. But ignore the chatter that says it disrupts the alpha relationship and puts the human below the dog in ranking. It doesn't. Your daughter and her hus-

band just need to decide what they want, then stick to it. Whatever choice, know that it will be painful for at least a few nights.

The first step is to get the pup used to going in and out of the crate. That might not be a problem, but if it is, the couple should spend some time playing with him inside it, offering treats and maybe even feeding him there.

The crate shouldn't be overly large at this stage. He needs to be able to stand and turn around in it, but crates that are too big will increase the sense of loneliness he's feeling without his crate-mates.

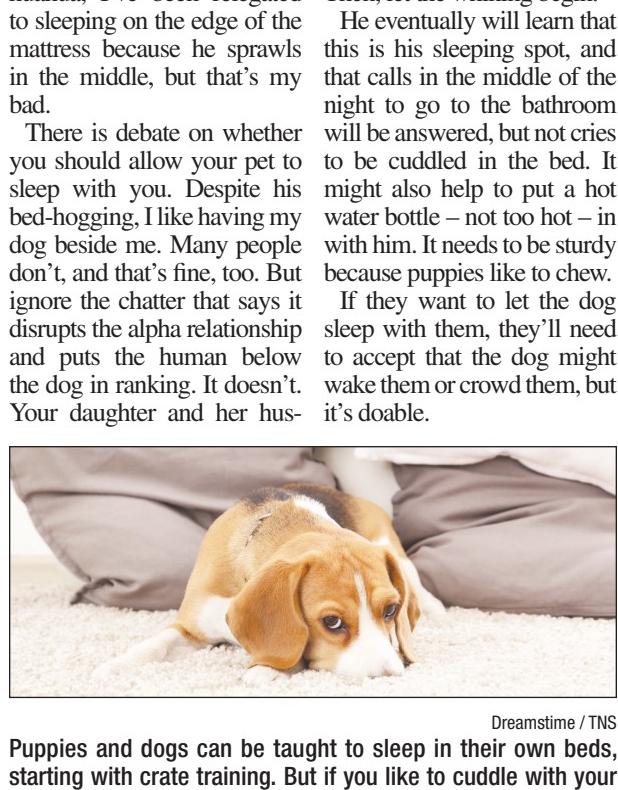
They also should put the crate in the bedroom for the first few nights so that he will be able to see that his humans are nearby. It will also help them know when the dog needs a late-night potty break.

Puppy bladders are too small to go an entire night without a pit stop.

Make the crate comfy with soft bedding and some favorite toys. Coax him inside at bedtime and close the door. Then, let the whining begin.

He eventually will learn that this is his sleeping spot, and that calls in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom will be answered, but not cries to be cuddled in the bed. It might also help to put a hot water bottle – not too hot – in with him. It needs to be sturdy because puppies like to chew.

If they want to let the dog sleep with them, they'll need to accept that the dog might wake them or crowd them, but it's doable.



Dreamstime / TNS
Puppies and dogs can be taught to sleep in their own beds, starting with crate training. But if you like to cuddle with your dog, there's usually no harm in letting the dog sleep with you.

PULSE

From page A1

**Local farms
featured in
Manchester exhibit,
presentation**

Northeast Indiana farms are the focus of an exhibit of oil paintings by Jeff Diesburg, associate professor of art at Manchester University. He will speak about his art, farming for food, and the sabbatical that led to the creation of "Between Rows and Horizons" during a presentation at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20 in Cordier Auditorium at the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. It is free and open to the public. The exhibit of "Between Rows and Horizons" is open for viewing during business hours in Gallery G on the second floor of the Jo Young Switzer Center. Masks are required in all MU buildings. The scenes come from three farms within a 10-mile radius of each other: Hawkins Farm near North Manchester, the Kindy family at Joyfield Farm east of Liberty Mills and the Fingerles at River-Ridge Farm in Laketon.

**Second Harvest
to hold tailgate
food distributions**

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, and Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

**Manchester Civic
Band plans live
performances**

Manchester Civic Band performances at Peabody Retirement Community have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 22 and Dec. 1. This year's Timbercrest Retirement Community performances have been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 29 and Dec. 8. They have tentatively scheduled performances for Saturday, Oct. 2 for a concert at Harvest Fest; the North Manchester Fun Fest parade; and

at Doud's Orchard Open House in Denver, Indiana.

**Salamonie
Lake workdays
conclude Sept. 25**

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, call 260-468-2127.

**Salamonie Forest
Preschool underway**

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Oct. 5, 2021; Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Sept. 28, 2021; Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. The program fee for the package of nine once-a-month sessions is \$60 per child ages 3 to 5. Additional siblings are \$35. The program fee for the package of 18 twice a month sessions is \$100 per child, and additional siblings are \$75. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dr-ford-home.honeywellarts.org.

**Final 2021 Shop
Hop in downtown
Wabash runs
through September**

Shop Hop returns to downtown Wabash through Thursday, Sept. 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 in Shop Hop Dollars, which are redeemable at the participating businesses. Participants will take a September Shop Hop form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the Shop Hop form is 100 percent completed, participants will submit their form to one of the participating businesses, Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road, or the Wabash

Marketplace office, 189 S. Miami St. September Shop Hop forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30 for a chance to win. The winner will be selected in early October. Four downtown businesses participating in September's Shop Hop include Chapman's Brewing, 233 S. Miami St.; Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St.; Wabash Marketplace, 189 S. Miami St.; and JoJo's Olfactory & Co., 36 W. Canal St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available by visiting WabashMarketplace.org.

**Dr. Ford Home
announces 'fun,
family-friendly'
event lineup**

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including Autumn Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1; Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash's trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.

**8th annual Car
and Bike Show
Bike Ride for Riley
Kids planned**

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

Manchester**Symphony****Orchestra****announces 83rd****season**

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with four concerts in the works: Invitation to the Dance is Oct. 10, 2021, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. The concert features music from ballet and other

works inspired by dance, and it will include Manchester University professors Beate Gilliar and Jim Brumbaugh-Smith dancing to Leroy Anderson's Blue Tango. Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hally-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

**Manchester
Symphony Orchestra
invites entries
for concerto
competition**

In advance of the March 13, 2022 concert, the Manchester Symphony Orchestra invites vocalists, pianists and instrumentalists to register for its 2021-2022 season concerto competition. Competitors must be enrolled in a high school, home school program, college or university during the fall semester of 2021 to be eligible. The application fee is \$25. There are scholarship awards for high school division winners and cash awards for collegiate division winners. The competition is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Manchester University, and competition winners will perform with the orchestra at 3 p.m. March 13, 2022, during the Trailblazers concert. Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Admission is free for MU students, faculty and staff, as well as anyone age 18 and younger. Go to www.manchestersymphonyorchestra.org to buy tickets or register for the competition.

will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays each week. For more information, visit www.wabashcountyyymca.org.

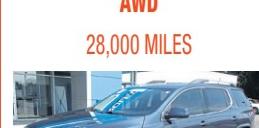
**DivorceCare
meets Tuesdays**

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

**Wabash County
Animal Shelter
partnership to pair
emerging readers
with dogs, cats**

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

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**8th annual Car
and Bike Show
Bike Ride for Riley
Kids planned**

The Clown Town Motorcycles and Sharp Shooters Express will present the 8th annual Car and Bike Show Bike Ride for Riley Kids on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the American Legion Post No. 248, 800 Washington St., Lagro. Car show registration will be \$15 per car and will begin at 11 a.m., with kickstands up and entertainment starting at noon. For more information, call 260-466-7655.

**Manchester
Symphony
Orchestra
announces 83rd
season**

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with four concerts in the works: Invitation to the Dance is Oct. 10, 2021, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. The concert features music from ballet and other

works inspired by dance, and it will include Manchester University professors Beate Gilliar and Jim Brumbaugh-Smith dancing to Leroy Anderson's Blue Tango. Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hally-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater's Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra's concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn's five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

**Salmonie
Lake workdays
conclude Sept. 25**

Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, will host volunteer workdays at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. For more information, call 260-468-2127.

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Lisa Beamer on the lessons she learned after 9/11

For those who lived through Sept. 11, 2001, the drama of Todd Beamer and the heroes of Flight 93 has become an essential part of many anniversary rites.

Everyone remembers the final act, with Beamer aboard the hijacked plane, patched through to a telephone operator for a clandestine

13-minute call. After learning about the World Trade Center attacks, Beamer and other passengers decided to try to seize control of the plane.

Finally, Beamer said: "Let's roll." That was the end of the call, moments before the plane – now believed to have been headed to the U.S. Capitol – crashed into a rural field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

That wasn't the whole story, of course. The young software salesman had also asked operator Lisa Jefferson if he could be connected to his wife, Lisa Beamer – and if not, he shared a final message to her and their two sons.

"I was trying to get as much information from him as I could, and he told me to say the Lord's Prayer with him," said Jefferson, according to a transcript of her talk with Beamer's wife days later.

"He wanted you to say the Lord's Prayer with him? ... And you guys completed it?" asked Lisa Beamer.

"Top to bottom," said Jefferson. "He just said, 'Oh God, help me. Jesus, could you please help me.' ... He wasn't upset at all. He was very peaceful."

The details of the Flight 93 passenger revolt were soon made public – a story of courage and sacrifice welcomed by a stunned nation.

"Todd became a hero within 72 hours of his death," said Lisa Beamer, during a Wheaton College chapel service marking the 20th anniversary of 9/11. "I can only describe what happened next as divinely orchestrated chaos, and I do believe that."

"Everyone from the White House to CNN to Oprah Winfrey wanted to talk to me, wanted to know more about Todd, wanted to put me on TV, wanted to take pictures of my family, wanted to know how I was coping. The phone rang nonstop for days and weeks, and when there

was a knock at the door, it may have been anyone from a neighbor delivering dinner to a full news crew with cameras rolling."

Beamer said she answered questions about her husband in the "only way that rang true to me, because Todd loved his life, but he knew that his life was much more than his 32 years on this Earth. His soul was secure even when his body wasn't – because Jesus was his savior."

There was more to the story. Journalists also wanted to know what gave her comfort and hope, as the mother of two young boys who was also four months from the birth of a daughter.

"To the extent that I could bear it," she said, she tried to talk about the family's faith and trust in God. At the same time, she was wrestling with memories of her own father's death when she was a teenager, "leaving my mom to raise four children by herself. I knew how hard this was. ... I knew the grief of what it felt like to live with a missing piece."

After the press blitz, Beamer tried to withdraw from the spotlight. It was especially painful, she said, that critics called her a hypocrite who was seeking fame, while some believers put her "on a pedestal as God's chosen woman for such a time as this."

Nevertheless, "Todd was gone," she said. "I was called a 'widow' and a 'single parent,' titles that literally made me sick to my stomach. My sweet husband had become a mythic figure to the public, an idealized version of manhood who died valiantly defending his country."

In the end, Beamer said it was crucial to strengthen her "core identity," focusing on her faith and trust in "God's goodness and his greatness." She was convinced that, facing the crisis aboard Flight 93, her husband had managed to do that.

That's the final lesson, she told the students in the chapel: "If God is bigger than we can imagine, we are wasting our time to chase after something or someone lesser. ... We must place our ultimate identity not in who we are, but in who we know God to be. That's it."

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

Access, travel rules influence missionary vaccine policies

By HOLLY MEYER

Associated Press

COVID-19 vaccine refusal rates may be high among white evangelical Christians, but the International Mission Board – which deploys thousands of missionaries – is not hesitant about the shot.

The global agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest evangelical Protestant denomination in the U.S., announced this month it is requiring vaccinations for missionaries they're sending into the field amid the pandemic.

The IMB may be the first U.S. missionary agency known to have such a mandate, according to leaders in the field, as other faith groups approach the issue in a variety of ways including limiting where people can serve and making considerations for uneven global access to the vaccines.

"This is a very common-sense decision," said Ed Stetzer, a Southern Baptist who is dean of Mission, Ministry and Leadership at Wheaton College. "Mission-sending agencies from the United States have the real opportunity to be vaccinated, and they're going to places around the world that don't."

The IMB policy applies to both current and future missionaries as well as some staff members. Among the reasons it cited for the measure are health concerns and the fact that increasing numbers of countries are implementing their own vaccine requirements – some field personnel have reported needing to show proof to board airplanes and subways or enter restaurants and malls.

In a statement announcing the policy, IMB leaders acknowledged that it could be a deal-breaker for some people considering missionary work or currently serving with the organization.

The Rev. Allen Nelson IV, a pastor who leads a Southern Baptist congregation in Arkansas, said he is not against vaccines but is completely opposed

to mandates for missionaries.

"This is something that must be left up to a person's own conscience, research and discussions with a doctor, as well as their particular ministry context," Nelson told The Associated Press.

Among religious groups that have stopped short of issuing vaccine mandates is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, widely known as the Mormon church, which is giving unvaccinated missionaries assignments in their home countries.

The United Methodist Church, for its part, strongly encourages missionaries to get vaccinated but does not require it. That is partly because availability is not consistent around the world, according to Judy Chung, executive director of missionary services for the denomination's Global Ministries.

"We have discussed how to promote vaccination without making a mandatory requirement," Chung said, "because some may not have access to that yet."

The denomination currently has about 240 full-time missionaries serving in 70 countries, and the most recently deployed cohort of about 40 has a vaccination rate around 80%.

"We want to make sure that our missionary population are safe so that they can focus on the mission work that has been assigned to them," Chung said. "We want to make sure that we are not causing harm as we engage in mission."

A key question for U.S.-based mission groups is whether they will fall under the Biden administration's recently announced rule that companies with more than 100 employees must require workers be vaccinated for the coronavirus or undergo weekly testing.

If they do, Ted Esler, the president of Missio Nexus, an association that includes hundreds of missionary agencies in the U.S. and Canada, said about 30 percent of those agencies could be affected. He thinks they would comply with the federal mandate but said the issue is not currently

stirring much discussion.

Ultimately, he noted, organizations' internal rules may be rendered moot by vaccine entry requirements that many countries have instituted for visitors.

"Whether you have a policy or not," Esler said, "if you're going to serve cross-culturally in another country, you're going to be faced with the government regulation."

A June survey by the Public Religion Research Institute showed COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy decreasing and acceptance growing, but refusal rates holding steady. It also found significant variance of opinion between people from different faith traditions.

White evangelical Protestants had the highest vaccine refusal rate at 24 percent and among the lowest acceptance rates at 56 percent. By comparison, acceptance rates stood at 56 percent for Hispanic Protestants, 65 percent for Latter-day Saints, 66 percent for Black Protestants, 69 percent for other Protestants of color and 74 percent for white mainline Protestants.

The IMB has had vaccine requirements for other diseases in place since the 1980s, and it says some have chosen to skip international service because of it.

Esler, who served as a missionary in Bosnia in the 1990s with the Pioneers organization, said he had to be inoculated against diseases like diphtheria, polio, tetanus and typhoid before he could go.

Esler wasn't eager to get a COVID-19 vaccine and is hesitant to advise others to roll up their sleeves. But he got vaccinated because he is continuing to travel.

"From my perspective, this is an issue more because of the fact that it's COVID-related than it is vaccine-related," Esler said.

"It's unfortunate that the COVID vaccine here is controversial and rejected by some," he added, "when in other places it would be coveted and highly sought-after and they cannot get it."

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Pentagon reverses itself, calls deadly Kabul strike an error

By ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon retreated from its defense of a drone strike that killed multiple civilians in Afghanistan last month, announcing Friday that a review revealed that only civilians were killed in the attack, not an Islamic State extremist as first believed.

"The strike was a tragic mistake," Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, head of U.S. Central Command, told a Pentagon news conference.

McKenzie apologized for the error and said the United States is considering making reparation payments to the family of the victims. He said the decision to strike a white Toyota Corolla sedan, after having tracked it for about eight hours, was made in an "earnest belief"

— based on a standard of "reasonable certainty" — that it posed an imminent threat to American forces at Kabul airport. The car was believed to have been carrying explosives in its trunk, he said.

For days after the Aug. 29 strike, Pentagon officials asserted that it had been conducted correctly, despite 10 civilians being killed, including seven children. News organizations later raised doubts about that version of events, reporting that the driver of the targeted vehicle was a longtime employee at an American humanitarian organization and citing an absence of evidence to support the Pentagon's assertion that the vehicle contained explosives.

The airstrike was the last of a U.S. war that ended as it had begun in 2001 — with the Taliban in power in Kabul.

The speed with which the Taliban overran the country took the U.S. government by surprise and forced it to send several thousand troops to the Kabul airport for a hurried evacuation of Americans, Afghans and others.

The evacuation, which began Aug. 14, unfolded under a near-constant threat of attack by the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate.

McKenzie, who oversaw U.S. military operations in Afghanistan, including a final evacuation of U.S. forces and more than 120,000 civilians from Kabul airport, expressed his condolences to the family and friends of those killed.

"I am now convinced that as many as 10 civilians, including up to seven children, were tragically killed in that strike," McKenzie said. "Moreover, we now assess

that it is unlikely that the vehicle and those who died were associated with ISIS-K or were a direct threat to U.S. forces," he added, referring to the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate.

Prior to the strike, U.S. intelligence had indicated a likelihood that a white Toyota Corolla would be used in an attack against U.S. forces, McKenzie said. On the morning of Aug. 29, such a vehicle was detected at a compound in Kabul that U.S. intelligence in the preceding 48 hours had determined was used by the Islamic State group to plan and facilitate attacks. The vehicle was tracked by U.S. drone aircraft from that compound to numerous other locations in the city before the decision was made to attack it at a point just a

couple of miles from Kabul airport, McKenzie said.

"Clearly our intelligence was wrong on this particular white Toyota Corolla," he said.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, in a written statement, apologized for what he called "a horrible mistake."

"We now know that there was no connection" between the driver of the vehicle and the Islamic State group, and that the driver's activities that day were "completely harmless and not at all related to the imminent threat we believed we faced," Austin said.

Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters two days after the attack that it appeared to have been a "righteous" strike and that at least one of the people killed

was a "facilitator" for the Islamic State group's Afghanistan affiliate, which had killed 169 Afghan civilians and 13 American service members in a suicide bombing on Aug. 26 at the Kabul airport.

After McKenzie's remarks on Friday, Milley expressed regret.

"This is a horrible tragedy of war and it's heart wrenching," Milley told reporters traveling with him in Europe. "We are committed to being fully transparent about this incident."

"In a dynamic high-threat environment, the commanders on the ground had appropriate authority and had reasonable certainty that the target was valid, but after deeper post-strike analysis our conclusion is that innocent civilians were killed," Milley added.

Biden, world leaders try to hammer out next steps on climate

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden tried to hammer out the world's next steps against rapidly worsening climate change in a private, virtual session with a small group of other global leaders Friday, and announced a new U.S.-European pledge to cut climate-wrecking methane leaks.

Ever-grimmer findings from scientists this year that the world is nearing the point where the level of climate damage from burning oil, gas and coal becomes catastrophic and irreversible "represent a code red for humanity," Biden said at the session's outset.

"We have to act and we have to act now," Biden said, speaking on a specially erected White House set that showed virtual arrays of solar panels in the background and a wall of other global leaders listening on screens.

Biden cited his trips earli-

er this month to California, where firefighters are battling larger, fiercer and deadlier wildfires almost year round as temperatures rise and drought worsens, and to the northeastern U.S. and Gulf, where Hurricane Ida and its flooding killed scores, as natural disasters increase in number and severity under climate change.

As Biden spoke Friday, California firefighters were trying to stop fires from reaching ancient groves of sequoias that are thousands of years old and the height of high-rises. Crews wrapped the trees, including General Sherman, the largest known tree on earth, in aluminum blankets for protection.

Biden evoked the "damage and destruction" he had seen in the United States, massive flooding in Europe and other global damage from the warming climate.

The Biden administration billed Friday's meeting as a chance for some of the world leaders to strategize how to achieve big, fast cuts in cli-

mate-wrecking petroleum and coal emissions. The administration also is trying to re-establish the United States' Major Economies Forum — a climate group set up by President Barack Obama and revived by Biden — as a significant forum for international climate negotiations.

Friday's meeting followed a much bigger and splashier virtual White House climate summit in April that saw scores of heads of governments — representing allies and rivals, and big economies and small — making sweeping speeches about the need for action against climate change.

The list provided of Friday's attendees included only a dozen leaders: those of Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, the European Commission, the European Council, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United Nations.

China, India and Russia, with the United States, are the nations that emit the

most climate-damaging gases from the production and burning of oil, natural gas and coal.

There was no word on their leaders' taking part. However, the White House said in a statement that Biden had directed his climate envoy, John Kerry, to lead a minister-level climate session afterwards with China, Germany, India, and Russia. It gave no other immediate details.

Climate advocates have stressed the importance of the U.S. coordinating with Europe and Asia for a joint front in coaxing China, which emits more climate-damaging fumes than the rest of the developed world combined, to move faster on cutting its use of dirty-burning coal-fired power plants in particular.

Biden, in the public opening of the otherwise private talks, also discussed a new U.S. agreement with the European Union aiming at cutting the two entities' emissions of methane 30 percent by the end of this decade.

Methane is one of the most potent agents of climate damage, gushing up by the ton from countless uncapped oil and gas rigs, leaky natural gas pipelines, and other oil and gas facilities.

Fred Krupp, president of the nonprofit Environmental Defense Fund, said cutting methane pollution is the single fastest, most effective strategy to slow the rate of warming.

A 30 percent reduction in methane pollution should be only "the entry point for this critical conversation. Many countries can and should aim even higher," Krupp said.

The pledge comes as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is set to propose stricter rules against methane emissions for the oil and gas sector, as laid out in one of Biden's first executive orders.

The new rules, expected in the next two weeks, are likely to be stricter than an Obama-era standard set in 2016. The Obama standard was reinstated in June after Congress took the unusual

step of invalidating a Trump-era EPA rollback of methane protections.

The pending EPA rule is expected to restrict methane emissions from new and existing wells, including hundreds of thousands of older wells that are not subject to federal regulation under current law.

Biden has sought to make the U.S. a leader again in global climate efforts after President Donald Trump removed the U.S. from the Paris climate accord.

At home, however, Biden is still striving to get significant investment in climate-friendly measures like charging stations for electric vehicles out of Congress, in the face of objections from Republicans and some Democrats.

Friday's session will be followed by another closed-door session of 35 to 40 world leaders, to be hosted Monday morning by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

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main valid for a period of no less than sixty (60) days. Respondents
may be required to meet with MCS to review their proposal and the
scope of work prior to proposal award. Proposals will be awarded to
the best overall respondent as determined to be in the best interests of
MCS. It is intended that successful respondent and MCS shall enter
into a separate written contract for services to perform the architectural
services.

Rights Reserved
MCS reserves the right to: (1) receive, accept, or reject any or all pro-
posals for any or all reasons; (2) issue subsequent requests for pro-
posals for the same projects; (3) cancel the entire request for propos-
als; (4) remedy technical errors in the request for proposal process; (5)
appoint an evaluation committee to review qualifications and propos-
als; (6) seek the assistance of outside technical experts in evaluation
any or all proposals; (7) approve or disapprove the use of particular
subcontractors; (8) negotiate with any, all, or none of the respondents;
(9) solicit best and final offers from all, some, or one of the respondents;
(10) waive informality and irregularities in any proposal; and
(11) award without discussion.

Project Description
The following three (3) projects represent the approved building
projects subject to the proposal to be submitted, which should include
all structural, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems, building
finishes, exterior envelope, code compliance and ADA accessibility. 1.

Construct of new hallway connector between existing buildings within
the following broad scope of parameters:

A. Connect administration/junior high building and high school building
with enclosed hallway;

B. Modern design of exterior and interior; and

C. Estimated total budget \$1.1 million.

2. Construction of a new cafeteria and renovations at the high school
within the following broad scope of parameters:

A. Nine hundred (900) student capacity for cafeteria;

B. Modern design of exterior, kitchen, serving and dining spaces;

C. Connect cafeteria to new hallway between administration/junior
high building and high school building;

D. Repurpose existing classroom spaces for secure building entry and
admittance offices;

E. Repurpose existing cafeteria space as a business classroom,
school store and snack/coffee bar; and

F. Estimated total budget is \$9.5 million.

3. Construction of a new entrance and renovations at elementary
school within the following broad scope of parameters:

A. Repurpose existing classroom space for secure entry and office
space;

B. Repurpose old office space as a family restroom and sensory room
for STEM;

C. Remove and replace cafeteria floor with epoxy resin non-slip covering;
and

D. Estimated total budget \$900,000.00.

Submission Expectation
Interested firms should submit written proposals which include the fol-
lowing information:

1. Estimated fees for services, including overall dollar amount, billing
rates, and in the form of a percentage of the budget total for each
project;

2. Examples of comparable projects on which the firm has worked;

3. Explanation of the processes that would be used to assure that the
final drawings reflect the interests and needs of the school community;

4. List of references and buildings that MCS representatives could fol-
low-up with and visit;

5. Summary of the firm's capacity to deliver services for all three (3)
projects concurrently;

6. Summary of qualifications to assure the North Manchester com-
munity that services provided will put MCS in a position to make the
most out of the money budgeted for each project; and

7. Summary of potential to bring innovation in design to the projects.
The proposals shall be indexed and all pages sequentially numbered
in a bound format. Proposals should not contain extraneous information.
All information presented in proposal must be relevant in re-
sponse to a requirement of this request, must be clearly labeled, and if
not incorporated in the body of the proposal itself, must be referenced
to and from the appropriate place within the body of the proposal. Any
information not meeting these criteria shall be deemed extraneous and
may not be considered in the evaluation process. MCS may investi-
gate the qualification of any respondent under consideration, require
confirmation of information furnished and require additional evidence
of qualifications to perform all or part of any project described in this
request or to otherwise complete the projects. Submission Evaluation
Proposals will be reviewed by individuals selected by MCS and evalua-
ted on factors relevant to conciseness, responsiveness and com-
pleteness of the proposal to the information requested, objectives, and
deliverables as outline in this request, fee proposals, including overall
fee and billing rates, prior experience, including expertise in K-12
school projects, references, key personnel and staffing ability, project
approach and capacity, and local participation.

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PEST CONTROL

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- Inspect
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Couple wrestles with communication breakdowns

DEAR ABBY: I love my wife very much, but we are, unfortunately, having a communication/interpretation issue. She is inquisitive and asks a lot of questions. I become defensive when I'm questioned. Sometimes I feel it shows a lack of confidence or trust in me. My wife says I am being too sensitive.

There are times when I infer a negative tone where there is none, and others when I believe my perception is spot-on. Sometimes, I suspect she's unwilling to accept any answer that does not match her own thinking. She comes from a family where correcting each other, even over the smallest thing, is common. She's an educator, so in some ways, it's part of her job.

My wife seems unable to use alternative phrasing that is less likely to trigger a defensive response. When we have conflict over this, it seems I am always the one who has to give ground. When I try to explain my feelings, it only makes things worse. When I choose to be more assertive, it results in more escalation. I am blessed with a spouse who is independent, strong-minded and outspoken. How can I develop a thicker skin so I won't feel like I am second-guessed at every turn? When should I speak up? — Misunderstood In Texas

DEAR MISUNDERSTOOD: NOW would be a good time to speak up. When you do, tell your wife — the educator — that you feel second-guessed at every turn, and it's time to enlist the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist so you two can improve your communication skills. If she's willing, it could be helpful for your marriage. If she isn't, then go without her to help you figure out whether you really are "too sensitive."

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, whom I've known most of my life, has a 7-year-old grandson. The boy, "Cody," is spoiled, rude and makes obnoxious comments to adults. They'll make plans to visit us on a weekend evening when my wife and I want to chill out. While they are here, Cody gets loaded up on sugar, snoops through rooms and picks up breakable objects while watching us to see our reaction. He also does calisthenics and runs around while he's here. He makes snotty comments to us that my friend encourages and thinks are funny. As much as I love my friend, how do I tell him that his grandson is no longer welcome? — In A Conundrum

DEAR IN A CONUNDRUM: Has it occurred to you that Cody may have problems more serious than a sugar buzz? The behavior you describe can be symptoms of ADHD and/or learning disabilities. If Cody hasn't been evaluated by a medical professional, he should be. If you truly love this friend, suggest it and tell him why. If he ends your relationship because of it, you will no longer be subjected to Cody's unfortunate behavior. On the other hand, if my concern is on target, you could change that boy's life for the better, because he doesn't act out only at your house.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

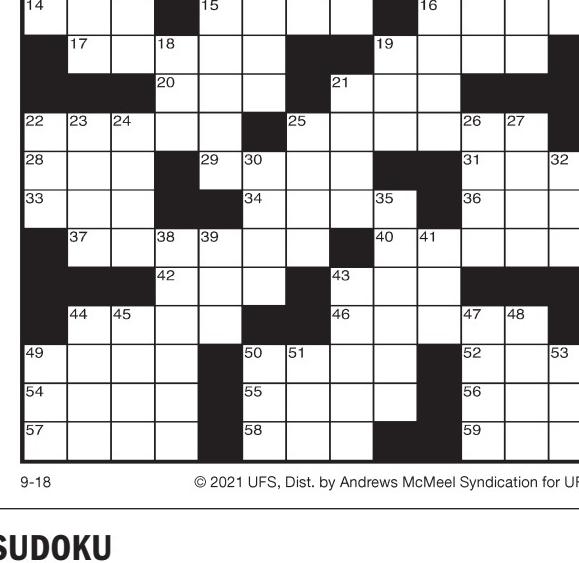
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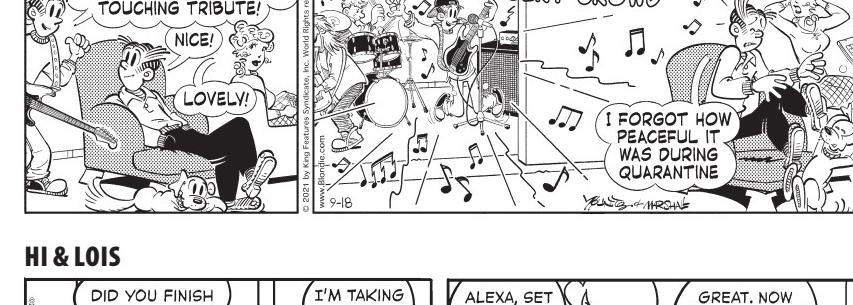
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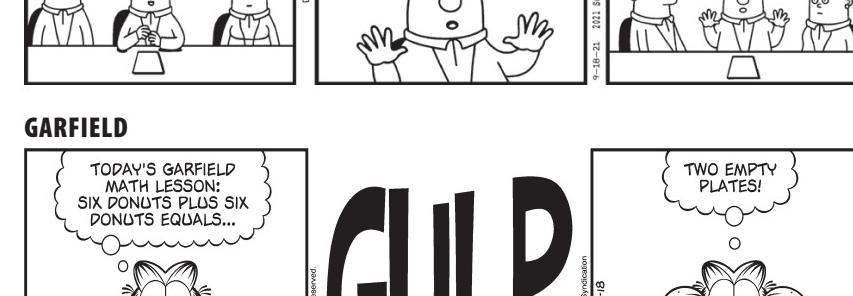
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When we come to Christ, God gives us a new purpose

From the writings of Billy Graham

Q: How can I help my

children see _____

that life is not about

reaching our own goals

but searching out how God

would help us fulfill the

purposes He has for us? — C.P.

A: Some people are

focused on using all their

energies to reach their goals.

Others drift through life with

little purpose or direction,

living for the moment and

never thinking about where

they are headed. Most people

probably live somewhere in

between. But they all have

this in common: They are

living only for themselves

and their own happiness.

Down inside we all sense

that this was not the way

life was meant to be, and we

want something better — and we search for it. We suspect

there must be another way, a different path from the one we've been traveling. But why do so few people seem to find it? Why have we missed it? Can life be any different?

The answer is yes! No matter what our lives have been, the rest of the journey can be different.

When we come to Christ, God gives us a new purpose. He helps us begin again. He

helps us confront our problems and deal with them, and this helps us avoid life's pitfalls and detours. More than that, God can help us make an impact on our world.

When we begin to live according to His purpose, and not our own purposes, we see other people differently — not for what they can do for us, but what we can do for them. Ask God for the good way — the better way

— and walk in it (Jeremiah 6:16).

— Philip Roth

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

B H F Y B M L N W U Z E L W R T U H E

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Z E O M B H U O C O G L M

Previous Solution: "Maybe the best thing would be to forget being right or wrong about people and just go along for the ride." — Philip Roth

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Wabash shuts out Blackford

Apaches will host conference foe Peru on Tuesday

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

Wabash's boys soccer team won their second game in a row on Thursday evening when they hosted Blackford High School in a non-conference match-up that ended in favor of the Apaches, 2-0.

The victory moved Wabash to 5-3-1 overall with four regular-season games remaining.

Afterward, Wabash head coach Bill Benysh credited his team for picking up their pace of play from the first half to the second.

"Our team really responded, in the first half we were a little flat and I didn't think that we played to our potential," Benysh said. "Second half, we came out and we made a determined effort to keep the ball. Made a determined effort to win 50/50 balls and kind of demonstrated how we play which is we go out and we give everything."

With 16 minutes remaining in the first half, Wabash drew first blood after a Jacob France goal. Solomon France assisted on the Apaches' first score of the game while Wabash limited Blackford offensively throughout the game as well as the time of possession.

Apaches goaltender Greymen Deboard finished the night with two saves.

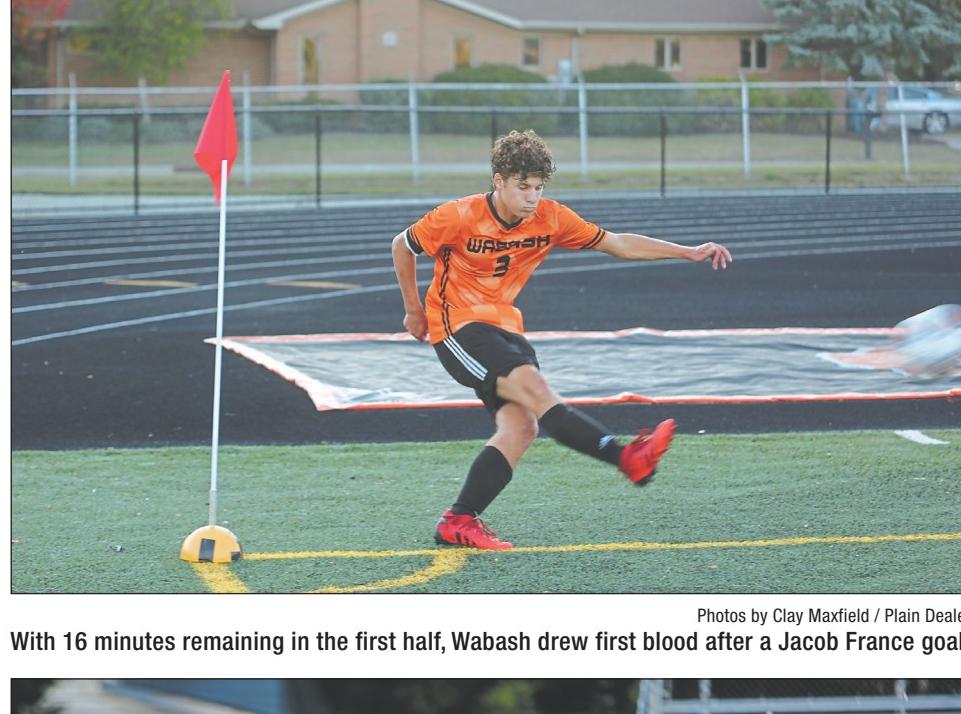
Jacob France noted that the coaching staff's halftime adjustments such as a focus on 50/50 balls, switching the field possession and ball movement helped spur the Apaches to their 2-0 shutout win.

Those halftime adjustments paid off quickly as Troy Guenin-Hodson scored the Apaches' second goal of the game in the opening minute of the second half after Solomon France assisted on the team's decisive goal.

Offensively, Wabash tallied 21 shots in Thursday night's win while limiting Blackford to two.

Wabash has been successful as of late, winning five of their last six contests with a 2-1 loss to Oak Hill at the beginning of September serving as their only hiccup while Jacob France has been their offensive catalyst all season long, leading the team with 9 goals.

Solomon France leads the team with six assists.



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Troy Guenin-Hodson scored the Apaches' second goal of the game in the opening minute of the second half.

In terms of what has been an underlying element to the Apaches' success this season, it's been all about the cohesiveness and flexibility of Wabash's bench.

"We're not really deep,

we don't have a huge bench but our guys come in off

the bench and they're willing to play wherever we put them. They're happy to be on the field. ... They're just really flexible and they're willing to give it everything they got. Having five, six guys on the bench who can do that sort of thing really

helps us," Benysh said.

Wabash will host conference foe Peru High School (2-3-1) at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.

MU hires Karns as swimming and diving coach

Karns has 40 years of coaching and teaching experience

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University Director of Athletics Rick Espeset has announced that Roger Karns has been hired as the next head men's and women's swimming and diving coach.

Karns will bring an immense amount of experience to Manchester, with 40 years of coaching and teaching under his belt.

Karns is certified as a Level 5 coach by the American Swim Coaches Association. He has coached NCAA All-Americans, High School All-Americans, Junior and Senior National Qualifiers and Olympic Trials Qualifiers throughout his distinguished career. He has also served as the chair of the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving National Championship Committee.

Roger arrives in North



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the head swimming coach at Wawasee High School in nearby Syracuse from 1989-2008 where his teams amassed a 359-130-2 dual meet record. Karns guided Wawasee to nine boys and three girls Indiana Sectional team championships. Wawasee finished second at the Indiana State meet in 1994, seventh in

1993, and 10th in both 1997 and 2003. In addition, Wawasee claimed four Northern Lakes Conference girls titles and three boys crowns. Individually, Karns coached 17 NISCA High School All-Americans, three state champions and four that earned runner-up honors. Karns was named Northern Lakes Conference and Indiana Sectional Coach of the Year 18 times. Before Wawasee, Karns was the head coach at Northwood High School from 1983 to 1989.

Karns graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1980 and earned a master's in education from Indiana University-South Bend in 1990. Karns was a two-year letter winner in swimming at Ball State and was a part of a then record-setting 800 free relay team.

Roger and his wife, Vicki, have three children, Laura, Tyler and Lydia.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester volleyball topped by Trine

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University volleyball team fell in straight sets to the visiting Trine Thunder in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Wednesday evening.

Trine took the match following set scores of 25-21, 25-17 and 25-10.

The Thunder hit .235 in Wednesday's match, compared to Manchester's .068 hitting percentage. The Black & Gold also struggled with nine service errors and 12 reception errors on the night.

Joy Maze, from Greenwood, led Manchester with eight kills. Jordan Holland, from Osceola and Mishawaka High School, had 15 assists in the match.

Trine was led by eight kills from Olivia Joliffe and 23 assists from Jacqueline Baughman.

Manchester (4-6) will host Governors State and Indiana-Northwest

in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Saturday, Sept. 18. MU will face Indiana-Northwest at 3 p.m. and Governors State at 5 p.m.

Trine (5-5) will participate in the Hanover Invitational this weekend.

Manchester and Trine will square off again on Saturday, Sept. 25 at Trine.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

MU women's soccer falls in non-conference action at Calvin 8-0

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women's soccer team fell in non-conference action at Calvin University on Wednesday night. The host Knights took Wednesday's contest by a final score of 8-0.

Calvin placed 19 shots on goal in Wednesday's match. Calvin's Elizabeth Williams and Lindsey Houtsma both scored a pair of goals to lead

the Knights. Six different Knights scored in the game.

Jayden Murray, from Delphi and Rossville Consolidated School District, led Manchester with 3 shots. She placed one shot on goal in the match.

Manchester fell to 1-2 on the young season. Calvin improved to 4-1 with the win.

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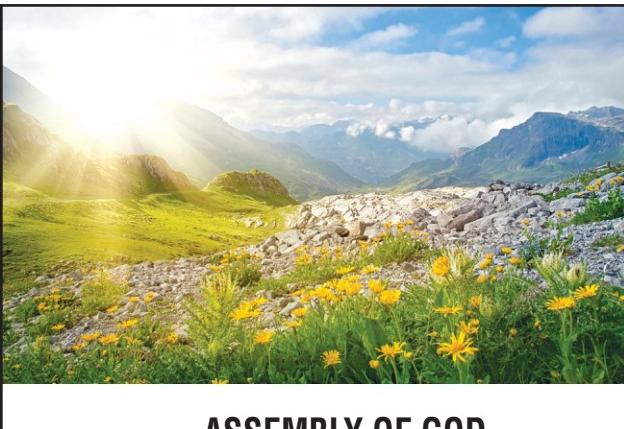
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Chicago White Sox (Lynn 10-4) at Texas (Howard 0-4), 7:05 p.m.			
Arizona (Castellanos 2-1) at Houston (McCullers Jr. 12-4), 7:10 p.m.			
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Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm



PROMISES



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We read and hear of many promises for this or that magic potion to improve our looks...lose weight...straighten our hair...look younger! There's always a hidden cost. But one promise is tried and true...God's Holy Word. His promises do not appeal to vanity, for true beauty begins in the heart and soul. His promises are guaranteed to all who believe them and desire to be rich in the Spirit. No hidden costs; free to those with enduring faith and hope. Worship this week and learn about God's promises.

Daily Devotional Reading

Proverbs 3:1-35	Proverbs 4:1-27	Proverbs 17:1-28	Ecclesiastes 1:1-18	Ecclesiastes 2:1-26	Ecclesiastes 3:1-22	Ecclesiastes 4:1-16
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